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Notice to Non-Participating Manufacturers Regarding 2017 Certification Requirements

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Va. Code §3.2-4205, every Tobacco Product Manufacturer whose tobacco products are sold in the Commonwealth of Virginia must file an annual certification application with the Office of the Attorney General by April 30, 2017. All Non-Participating Manufacturers must file a "Tobacco Product Manufacturer Certification Form-Non-Participating Manufacturers" (TT-19-NPM). This form can be found on our website as indicated below.

Further, pursuant to Va. Code §3.2-4201, every Non-Participating Manufacturer whose tobacco products were sold in Virginia during 2016 is also required to place funds into a qualified escrow account by April 15, 2017 and so certify to this Office by April 30, 2017 using the appropriate Certification(s) of Compliance and/or Certification(s) of No Sales. Our website contains separate Certification of Compliance forms for RYO and cigarettes as well as instructions for calculating the amount of escrow due for 2016 sales. There are also appropriate forms for calculating 2017 sales for those making quarterly deposits.

The Virginia Attorney General's Office continues to work on possible revisions to the Model Escrow Agreement. Therefore, we will continue to accept the current escrow agreement for the 2017 certification period. That agreement can be found on our website. We will also accept the revised agreement that some states have required. We will advise you at a later date when we have a final revised Model Escrow Agreement that we intend to use in Virginia.

If you fail to timely comply with these requirements, you may be removed from the Virginia Tobacco Directory in accordance with the law. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

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